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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicant requests that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicant with the next official communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to Deposit Account No. 19-0743. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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US PATENT DOCUMENTS				
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Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related application(s) in the above-identified patent application:

<u>Serial/Patent No.</u>	<u>Filing Date/Issue Date</u>	<u>Attorney Docket</u>	<u>Title</u>
09/789648 (Abandoned)	February 21, 2001	1443.003US1	FLEXIBLE PACKAGE AND HANDLE AND METHOD OF USING SAME
10/032297 6,698,928	December 21, 2001	1443.015US1	FLEXIBLE PACKAGES HAVING REUSABLE PULL-TAB OPENERS
11/276664	March 9, 2006	1443.015US3	FLEXIBLE PACKAGES HAVING REUSABLE PULL-TAB OPENERS

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Continuations and divisionals may be later filed on the cases listed above, or cited to the Examiner in any previous Communication Concerning Related Applications. Applicants request that the Examiner review all continuations and divisionals of the above-listed or previously-cited patent applications before allowing the claims of the present patent application.

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